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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHOD FOR FORMING COMPACT FROM
POWDER AND MOLD APPARATUS FOR
POWDER MOLDING

Examiner: W. P. Bell

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed August 19, 2008 (Paper No. 20080815), Applicants hereby provisionally elect claims 1-11 and 13-19 for continued examination, **with traverse**.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT ELECTION

The Examiner has required restriction between the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-11 and 13-19, drawn to a method for forming a compact from a powder; or

Group II: Claims 20-21, drawn to a mold apparatus for powder molding.

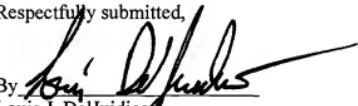
In response, Applicants elect **Group I, claims 1-11 and 13-19**, drawn to a method for forming a compact from a powder, **with traverse**. Applicants traverse by respectfully submitting that there is no undue burden of search.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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